

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A name card creating apparatus comprising:

fetching means for fetching layout information previously printed on a name card;

display means for displaying the layout information previously printed on the name card fetched by said fetching means;

input means for inputting additional information;

information allocating means for allocating the additional information, input through the input means, to a predetermined blank space region in the layout, depending on an external allocating operation for the layout displayed on said display means; and

printing means for sequentially executing a process of printing the additional information in the blank space region allocated by the information allocating means for a predetermined number of name cards having information printed based on the layout.

2. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fetching means fetches the name card having information printed thereon and reads the layout thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information is an image, said input means is image acquiring means, and said information allocating means allocates the image acquired by said image acquiring means to the predetermined blank space region.

4. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fetching means externally fetches a data file storing a plurality of information to be described on the name card and information related to the layout for printing the plurality of information on paper having the same size as that of the name card.

5. (Original) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the image acquired through said image acquiring means is an image for a face photograph.

6. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said image acquiring means comprises a camera or an image scanner.

7. (Original) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said image acquiring means serves to acquire an image created by a computer depending on a plotting operation.

8. (Original) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising coating means for carrying out a predetermined coating process on a print surface prior to the printing process to be executed by said printing means.

9. (Original) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising notifying means for giving a notice that the printing process of said printing means is completed.

10. (Original) The name card creating apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: calculating means for calculating an amount of money corresponding to the number of name cards printed by said printing means; and

slip issuing means for issuing a slip on which the amount of money calculated by said calculating means is described.

11. (Currently Amended) A name card creating apparatus, comprising:

a card reading section, disposed in said apparatus, said reading section reading existing information previously printed on cards;

a display section, disposed in said apparatus, displaying the existing information read by said card reading section;

an input section, disposed in said apparatus, receiving additional information for said cards having existing information; and

an allocation section, disposed in said apparatus, allocating said additional information to an area of said card.

12. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a coating section.

13. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a printing section.

14. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, wherein said input section is a camera.

15. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, wherein said allocating section comprises at least one arrow key.

16. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, wherein said display section comprises a display screen and an image pick-up section adjacent said display section.

17. (Previously Presented) The name card creating apparatus of claim 11, wherein said allocating section allocates said additional information to a blank area of said card.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a name card, comprising:

reading information ~~[[existing]]~~ previously printed on a name card;

displaying said information ~~[[existing]]~~ previously printed on said name card;

inputting additional information to be displayed on said name card;
and

allocating said additional information to an area of said ~~[[business]]~~ name card.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, further comprising coating said card.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, further comprising printing said additional information onto said card.